13.00 hrs.

SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM . Sir, I have already contacted the Indian Air Force people. Till 1230 hours, there were heavy clouds, because of which the search of the aircraft could not take place. But, ground level operation work has already started. I have told all my officials, if clouds permit, that I am also thinking of visiting the site.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (Chandigarh) : Whether it is the place where plane of Shri Surendra Nath was crashed?

SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM . Yes, it is so.

13.01 hrs.

[English]

MR SPEAKER : Now the House stands adjourned for luch till 2.00 p.m.

14.05 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at Five Minutes past Fourteen of the Clock

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

[English]

RE:HIKE IN ADMINISTERED PRICES OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS—Contd.

MR SPEAKER I will have to dispose of the matter which has been raised before the Lunch break

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Chittorgarh) : Sir, with your permission may I be permitted to say a word.

You had very kindly sought to discuss this matter with some of us further during the Lunch recess We are mindful and always highly respectful of the position of the Chair At no stage has our contention been with the Chair. Our contention has been and remains with the Treasury Benches.

The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs is an efficient and an energetic Minister He is a very old friend of mine. He has to consult, I think, 15 of his partners who are in the Government.. *(Interruptions)*

MR SPEAKER We are on a very important issue Please do not interrupt him.

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER We have to run the House.

(Interruptions)

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR (Begusarai) : Sir, we are prepared to give full cooperation to you....*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : The matter which has been raised before the Lunch break has not yet been disposed of. I will have to dispose of that matter.

(Interruptions)

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : If the Chair is saying that the matter has not yet been disposed of, then what to do? ..*(In . rruptions)*

SHRI JASWANT SINGH : Sir, the energetic and efficient Minister for Parliamentary Affairs also the somewhat silent leader of this House these days I know their difficulties. They have to consult 15 or 16 different Groups to arrive at one viewpoint. I am mindful of this. Our difficulty of having a discussion with teeth and sting remains. But, notwithstanding that, we shall abide by whatever you rule from the Chair. On that there is no option and it has never been our intention to challenge your ruling. But we do appeal to you, Sir, that this methodology of the Government and its supporters to avoid a discussion is so obvious an embarrassment...*(Interruptions)* We have said for the first day and a half, nothing but to demonstrate so effectively, that they fight shy of even discussing as important an issue as a sum of Rs. 10,000 crore of additional inputs ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura) A person like you should not say that...*(Interruptions)*

MR SPEAKER : Hon. Members during the pre-lunch period, we were discussing about the notice of an Adjournment Motion by Shri Jaswant Singh A lot of points of order have been raised during the discussion

Shri Fernandes has raised a point of order under Rule 60.

SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES (Nalanda) Sir, I am here

MR. SPEAKER : Yes, I have seen you

Rule 60 of the Rules of Procedure comes into the picture only when the Speaker gives his consent under Rule 56. So, the point of order raised by him is out of order.

Then, Shri Dasmunsi has also raised a point of order under Rule 58. Rule 58 speaks about a motion having been discussed once in the Session We have not yet discussed this issue and, therefore, I still uphold the right of the Member to give a notice for a fresh Adjournment Motion. There is a distinction between the right of a Member of give a notice for an Adjournment Motion and the consent to be given

by the Speaker under Rule 56. Therefore, the point of order raised by Shri Dasmunsi is out of order.

Well, Shri Ahamed has, in fact, interrupted Rule 60

I think I will go by his interpretation in my ruling.

Now coming to the Motion of Adjournment by Shri Jaswant Singh, having upheld his right to give a fresh notice, the contention of the hon. Member was that the phraseology and the language of the Motion is different from what it was in yesterday's Motion I have gone through the Motion very carefully Though the language and phraseology is different, yet I think the content and the susbtance are the same. Therefore, having taken a decision on such a Motion having the same content and substance, I cannot give consent to move the Adjournment Motion We will take up this issue at four o' clock under Rule 193

Thank you for your cooperation

[Translation]

SHRI RAMSAGAR (Barabank) Mr Speaker, Sir, the Government of India has formulated an Employment scheme for the development of extremely backward areas of the whole country For this the Government has made provision of sufficient fund in its Budget. But this money is not being utilized properly It has been mentioned in the said scheme that resources will be generated for the development of backward areas The census of the labourer belonging to that area will be got done and those labourers will be provided a card in which there will be a guarantee for them for employment of 100 mandays in a year But the objectives of such a useful scheme are not being achieved and the whole work is being done on contract basis As such labourers are not getting benefit from this One salient feature of this scheme is that people's representatives have not been involved in it The District Magistrates do not consult them in this regard and the Authorities, to whom the budget were allocated, get good amount of commission for getting the work done by the contractors In this way this budget is not being utilised properly Labourers are not being given employment in the said scheme and the work is being done through contract basis Government's fund is being looted I think that each and every member of this House will have an interest in this matter Since this scheme covers the entire country, therefore, I would like to urge that atleast Members of Parliament, if not all the people s representatives, may be included in this scheme so that they can give their suggestions In the absence of such an arrangement, the Administration is adopting arbitrary conduct. I, therefore, urge upon the Government through you, to take steps for its smooth functioning and for development of backward areas

SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA (Dhanduka) Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to call the attention of the Government toward Narmada Project of Gujarat For the last 20 years the common man labourers businessmen, farmers and others are very anxiously waiting to see this scheme completed Gujarat is not getting the required amount of assistance Not only this, Madhya Pradesh, which is our neighbouring state, is not able to do the required work The work of rehabilitation was also not carried out by Madhya Pradesh As a result of this, sometimes the work of Narmada Project is interrupted The financial assistance required to be given to Gujarat by Madhya Pradesh is not being provided This issue does not pertain to Gujarat Four states—Gujarat, Maharashtra Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan are going to be benefitted by the completion of Narmada Yojna Today farmers of Gujarat are facing problems due to scarcity of electricity The farmers are not getting electricity for ten hours continuously They are not getting drinking water too Therefore, on completion of Narmada Yojna farmers would be able to get water for irrigation and electricity as well In Gujarat only Ground water is available for drinking purpose Soft water can be provided there People in Kachha are also facing acute shortage of water Gujarat has been facing famine once in every three year People of Gujarat are facing problems for the last several years I therefore, urge upon the Government through you that the work of Narmada Yojana should be completed at the earliest For this, the financial assistance required to be given by the Union Government may be released immediately and instructions should also be issued to Madhya Pradesh, the neighbouring state, for releasing the required fund to Gujarat

[English]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (Panskura) Sir, the sharply reduced tax on mini-cigarettes from 1994 has put millions of *beedi* workers in great plight and at the cost of the Government exchequer the multinational I.T.C. is garnering a huge profit This tax reduction has resulted in more and more people taking to mini-cigarettes instead of *beedi* and that has resulted in unemployment among the *beedi* workers as well as sharp reduction in their wages

Sir, through you, I appeal to the Government either to increase the tax on mini-cigarettes very sharply or to cancel the licence to produce mini

cigarettes so that these cannot be marketed. Thank you.

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI (Contai) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Mecheda is the only railway station in the district of Midnapore, West Bengal from where the producers and traders of betel leaves transport their baskets to different destinations all over the country. Betel leave production and their trade are the means of livelihood of lakhs and lakhs of people. These betel leaves are extremely perishable goods. About two thousand baskets are accumulated every day at Mecheda. These baskets need to be cleared every day. Otherwise huge losses will occur. Hence, V.P.P. arrangements should be made with Kurla Express, Sambhalpur Express, Hyderabad Express and Ahmedabad Express to clear these baskets. But the Railways do not take care of the demand of the producers and traders. So, the people concerned have been agitating for long.

I, therefore, urge upon the hon. Minister of Railways to instruct his office to arrange for the daily clearance of the accumulated betel leaves every day.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (Chhapra) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw your attention on a very important issue. The main accused in the Bihar's Animal Husbandary Scam involving Rs. 2000 crores, are S.B. Sinha, Vijay Mallik and Mohammad Sayeed. During the course of investigation they were being taken to the court from the Jail...*(Interruption)* This case is now being investigated by the C.B.I.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : No, it is a state matter. It is with the C.B.I.

[Translation]

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : An attempt was made on their life. They are the main accused. The case is under the CBI. And the CBI comes under the control of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Central Government. An attempt was made on the lives of the main accused. Their van was fired upon. The accused were in the van. They are involved in the scam involving thousands of crores of rupees. They were likely to provide adequate clues and evidences to the state government. Such people were fired upon, while going in the security cover of state government.

MR SPEAKER : You yourself have said that the matter is with the C.B.I.

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : I am saying that the evidence is being liquidated. The people were travelling in the train from the jail to the court. There is an intention to kill all such people who hold information regarding the animal husbandry scam. It is a matter of great importance, because the C.B.I. is unable to protect the people who are accused. The money involved in that scam works out to Rs. 2,000 crore. There has been an attempt to liquidate the accused who hold the evidence against the whole show. They should be given protection so that the main evidence in this case is not liquidated before the culmination of the case.

[Translation]

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the cane growers of Uttar Pradesh are facing a lot of problems. Recently, on 3rd, the hon. Prime Minister had gone to Lucknow and had announced that half the arrears of the cane growers would be paid by the Central Government. But even after so many days, the hon. Prime Minister has not taken any further action in this regard. I urge upon the Central Government to take effective steps urgently in view of the serious problems of the cane growers of Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh is under President's rule. The cane growers are in difficulty. The farmers are harassed for the repayment of their loans. Whereas arrears are not being paid to them the total outstanding arrears in Uttar Pradesh is about Rs. 1100 crores. I would like that the Government should intervene in this matter and immediately fulfill the promise made by the Prime Minister, in Lucknow regarding the payment of arrears to the cane-growers.

SHRI HARIN PATHAK (Ahmedabad) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you for giving me time. Ahmedabad is an important Railway Centre of Western Railways and is the capital of Gujarat. For the last two terms, I have been raising questions continuously in the Parliament for upgrading Ahmedabad as Divisional Headquarters. And, I am happy that on March 10, the Minister of State of the Ministry of Railways, while addressing a public meeting in Ahmedabad had announced that Ahmedabad would be made a Division. But, today, I am sorry to say that four months have elapsed since that announcement but nothing has been done so far, which shows that the announcement has been confined only to the public meeting and to papers.

Ahmedabad is the sixth largest city of the country and is an important centre of Western Railways. But till now work has not begun in the direction of making Ahmedabad a Division. Through you, I would appeal to the Government and to the Minister of Railways to start work at the earliest to make Ahmedabad a Division.

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister is not here. I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, that the country would be celebrating the birth centenary of the great son of the soil Netaji Subash Chandra Bose from the 23rd January, 1997. Today is the 11th July, 1996. So, only few months are left. The earlier Government had set up a Committee under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister. Now, the new Government has come. I would request the Government to prepare a plan of action so that the country can celebrate the birth centenary of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose in a befitting manner and I would also request that the 23rd January of next year should be declared as a national holiday. He was a great son of the soil. He has not got any respect from the Government of this country. This is the fact

The people of this country are not aware about the whereabouts of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. The Government should investigate the matter and the people of this country should come to know the real truth about him The Government should prepare a specific plan of action so that the students, the youth and all the people of this country can celebrate the birth centenary of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose in a befitting manner. I also request the Government to release a special coin on that occasion and give special publicity about his birth centenary so that the people come to know about the activities of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose

Sir, I want to add only one more thing. He was the first man who introduced the Indian Army. That is why I request the Government that Fort William, Calcutta should be named as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Fort, Calcutta and Dehradun Military Academy should be renamed as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Academy. In the interest of the country, the television, media and the Government Departments, namely, Human Resource Department, Communication, Finance should coordinate with each other so that the programme could go to the States immediately. It should go to all levels, i.e., school level, primary level and decision making level His Birth Centenary should be celebrated in a befitting manner. *(Interruptions)*

MR SPEAKER : All of us associate with that.

SHRI CHITTA BASU (Barasat) This is an important national issue which she has raised. As a matter of fact, earlier a national committee was set up under the presidentship of the Prime Minister. Kumari Mamata is a member of that committee and I am also a member of that committee. Some programme was decided upon but it could not be given effect to. What is my request to the hon. Prime Minister today is that he should resume the responsibility of chairing that committee and the committee should meet immediately and finalise the programme which was in the process of being discussed. A sub-committee was also set up to finalise the programme. The suggestions which she has given might also be discussed in the sub-committee.

SHRI ANIL BASU (Arambagh) : Sir, all the sections of the House are unanimous on this point. Please convey this feeling to the Government so that immediate action could be taken by the Prime Minister.

MR. SPEAKER : I have said so that I have a message to convey.

SHRI PRADEEP BHATTACHARYA (Serumpore) Sir, with your kind permission, I would like to bring to your notice the most important thing, namely, in the State of West Bengal the rural women are not being protected by the law of the land I can cite one example. A few days back three persons were killed in the block of Jangipara which comes under the State of West Bengal. Immediately after the death of these persons the wives of the deceased persons and also other people rushed to the police station for getting the protection. But unfortunately ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI ANIL BASU : Sir, he should raise this matter in the West Bengal Assembly This is not the West Bengal Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER : Please do not bring such kind of things here.

SHRI PRADEEP BHATTACHARYA : Sir, let me finish this things. Things are very serious. Women were thrown out from the police station They were kicked out. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI ANIL BASU Sir, this not correct . *(Interruptions)*

KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE . Sir, it is absolutely correct. I have visited that place.

SHRI PRADEEP BHATTACHARYA : Sir, nobody is the citizen of West Bengal. We are the citizen of India. If the State Government fail to protect the people then why should I not request the Centre to take action? ..*(Interruptions)* We are the citizens of this country. We are not citizens of West Bengal The local police brutally beaten up the women We made a complaint Even then the Chief Minister of West Bengal did not take any action against them Then why should I not bring this issue inside the Parliament?...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT (Nagpur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission I would like to draw the attention of the House on a very important issue Several scams have taken place in the past five years. But, now a days the biggest scam relating coal is taking place. The scam involving coal runs into several thousand crores of rupees. W.C.L. and Coal India Limited are supplying 5-6 thousand tonnes of coal to fictitious small scale industries. I have a list of such people who are given coal, to be sold in the black market surreptitiously. Whereas the small scale industries do no get coal. This is happening all over the country. Coal India has at lease eight subsidiaries And this is happening in all the subsidiaries. I have all the relevant documents regarding W.C.L. Lakhs of tonnes of its coal is sold through the intermediaries and black marketers. Small scale industries do not get coal. Seven thousand tonnes of briquette and 'Kandi' coal are supplied in the name of Small Scale industries to each allottee. Such permits have been given to hundreds of people around Nagpur I have gone there and investigated the matter. There is a nexus involving the officials of the Directorate of small scale industries, W.C L., Coal India and the blood-sucking businessmen

Mr Speaker, Sir, I want to tell you that it is such a big racket that if it is investigated by the CBI, the involved amount would be to the tune of five-seven thousand crores of rupees I believe that if a detailed investigation of this scam is carried out, it would turn out to be the biggest racket of the country I, therefore, urge upon the Government to conduct a detailed investigation in this matter through CBI.

Mr Speaker, Sir, it is not an ordinary case. Coal is an essential commodity I, therefore, demand that the matter should be investigated. I have also given a notice on this matter

[English]

MR SPEAKER Every body has given notices I have got 52 notices. What can I do?

[Translation]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT This nexus should be broken It is essential that this nexus involving officials of Coal India, W C L., D.I C and the businessmen must be broken

MR SPEAKER All right, you have had your say. Now please sit down.

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT Mr Speaker, Sir, Sir if this is investigated the involved amount in the scam would turn out to be thousands of crores of rupees. Therefore, it is my request that this should be investigated and this scam should be unearthed.

DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH (Bhind) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Sonagiri, in the Datia district of Madhya Pradesh, is an important holy place of Jains.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my firt submission is that, the Minister of the concerned department, on which I am going to speak is not present. My submission is that the concerned Minister should be present here It would be meaningless to speak when the Minister is not present.

Sir, Sonagiri, in the Datia district is a holy place for the Jains. Till, sometime back it was a halt for trains such as Pathankot and Malwa Express. It is my request to you that the Hon. Minister of Railways be directed that halt should be provided for those trains at that place.

PROF PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA (Patiala) Mr Speaker, Sir, I thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak.

MR SPEAKER . There is no need to thank me please express your views

(Interruptions)

SHRI VIJAY GOEL (Sadar-Delhi) Mr Speaker Sir, new comers should also be given a chance

MR. SPEAKER : I am giving chance to new comers also The number of speakers are increasing It, therefore, appears that Speakers for Zero Hour would have to be determined through ballot

PROF PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA Mr Speaker, Sir, only today paddy scam involving Rs 100 crores, in Punjab has come to light through Press I have heard that several financial scandals have occurred in the country and several scandals related to corruption have come to light But, today, a very important paddy scandal has come to notice Through you, I want to know from the Government, whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India has siphoned off 1 93 lakh tonnes of paddy? I have seen people being kidnapped in Punjab But, in this case paddy has been kidnapped

Mr. Speaker, Sir, this assumes significance because in Punjab, the super fine quality of paddy of the farmers were declared as of fine quality And in this way they were paid Rs 20 less per quintal Thus, last year, the farmers of Punjab were deprived of thousands of crores of rupees by the Food Corporation of India, a Government agency Therefore, I request that this matter should be investigated

Mr Speaker, Sir, my second submission is that, the cane growers are not being paid compensation

MR. SPEAKER All right Now sit down

[English]

SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR (Dibrugarh) : Mr Speaker, Sir, I wish to raise very important issue in this august House. One month back, there was an ethnic clash in Assam in which more than a hundred villages were burnt down and more than two lakh people were rendered homeless

Hundreds of people were also killed Now the people are languishing in the relief camps It is reported that more than 200 people have died in the relief camps. There is no effect to resettle them in their respective villages. The villagers are willing to go to their villages with proper protection They also want to be helped in their agricultural activities

It is a very longstanding ethnic clash If we do not take appropriate action now, it will creat more problems The extremists from across the border are coming with sophisticated weapons and they are killing the innocent villagers every day

I earnestly request you to send a parliamentary delegation to this border area to examine the whole problem and to advise the Government to take appropriate action to resettle these people and also to see that such unfortunate ethnic violence does not occur in future

[Translation]

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH (Aurangabad) Mr Speaker, Sir I want to say something regarding my constituency Aurangabad Aurangabad district is badly affected In most of the areas of the district there are no irrigation facilities Due to this most of the rural people do not get employment Due to lack of employment the labourers of the district have to go to other States They are exploited there No division of Aurangabad district has been included in the Assured and Intensive Employment Scheme Whereas the irrigated area has been covered under Employment Assurance Scheme Therefore, through you I want to request the Government to cover all divisions of Aurangabad under Assured and Intensive Employment Scheme

SHRI RAJESH PILOT (Dausa) Mr Speaker, Sir, I am narrating a very tragic incident Our colleague, Swamiji is representing that constituency Ten days ago, in Haryana it was reported in the news papers that a farmer took a loan of Rs 30,000 And some persons from the Co-operative Bank came to him for repayment This incident took place in a village near the Nilokhedi village They took that man with them in a car Three days later, his body was found in a canal On reading this in the paper I went to the house of the deceased I became extremely sentimental that a farmer had such a tragic end for Rs. 30,000 I went to that village and talked to the villagers. They said that those persons had come in a Maruti and called the deceased and took him with them The villagers, the Sarpanch, and the family of the deceased requested them to give a month's time for the payment of instalment. But they turned a deaf ear I saw blood stains on the deceased's body The Government officials present there said that the deceased had jumped from the car into the canal Had he died due to drowning, his stomach would have bulged There would not have been head and chest injuries. I took his photo and send it to the Haryana Chief Minister. The entire body as bathed in blood

It is my submission that a poor farmer could not pay the instalment of loan of Rs 30,000, as a result of which his family is suffering in this manner No one is concerned what is happening to the thousands and crores of farmers in the country today Shri Chidambaramji is sitting in the treasury bench I would request him to urge the Haryana Government I would like that he should talk to the Government of Haryana and find out as to how his death took place and his family should be given some assistance

SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN (Indore) Mr Speaker, Sir the matter is very small and yet very big one because Indore in Madhya Pradesh is very large town from industrial point of view and yet it is very much neglected from the view point of Railways For the last 15 days Delhi bound Indore-Nizamuddin train has remained cancelled Therefore I could not come here yesterday The rest of the trains have been started on this track but the Indore-Nizamuddin train has not been started as yet Plane services have also been delayed Various trains that we want are also not running I demand from Minister of Railways through you that the only train which comes to Delhi should be re-started because Indore is still far off from Delhi from the view point of Railways

Mr Speaker, Sir for the past fifteen days this Indore-Nizamuddin train is not running I am again requesting you because I could not come to Lok Sabha yesterday because of this only Therefore you should give immediate order for running this train

[English]

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) Mr Speaker, Sir the leaders of the Central Government employees are on fast unto death demanding submission of the Report of the Fifth Pay Commission and payment of an additional instalment of interim relief *(interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL (Chandni Chowk-Delhi) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have given notice to you...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Shri Jai Prakash Agarwal, you have given an important notice. Yes, everybody will have to be very brief.

[Translation]

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, Delhi is facing acute shortage of power. People are not getting electricity for 40 hours altogether. The situation at present *, no body knows... you may go and see it yourself. Here also, an honourable member had made complaint...*(Interruptions)* You may hold an enquiry, you may find out. These people have made a mess of Delhi Administration and nobody listens....*(Interruptions)*

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Mr. Speaker, Sir, one member has made allegations against the other member. This is not proper...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR SPEAKER : I will see the record, If it is not permissible it will not be there.

(Interruptions)

MR SPEAKER : Agarwalji, please conlude now. I think you have made your point.

[Translation]

SHRI VIJAY GOEL : He has spoken in his language ...* I want that he should withdraw his words. *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR SPEAKER : I think that is not correct to say. It will be removed from the records. It is not fair to make allegations against our own colleagues here.

[Translation]

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : What is wrong in it Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee has said that the Member of Parliament is saleable.

I have first said that they do not work.

[English]

SHRI JAG MOHAN (New Delhi) : Since this question has been raised about power breakdown in Delhi, I would like to say that we realize that there is a power that aspect. I am already intending to give a Short Notice Question. We will raise it. They can discuss it, we will show where the fault lies.

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA (Ferozabad) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want you to pay your attention towards Ferozabad Constituency of Uttar Pradesh...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I have ordered it to be removed from the records.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : We have already spent 45 minutes. In the morning, you have got the opportunity.

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : I want to draw your attention towards my Constituency Ferozabad under the Agra division of Uttar Pradesh. Torrential rains lashed this place on 24-25 June, following which a Dam got damaged from the side of Rajasthan. Agra is very much affected by floods. Lakhs of people have been marooned and rendered homeless. 15 people have got injured and 20 others have died. I want to urge upon the Government to instruct the Government of Uttar Pradesh to give Rs one lakh as ex-gratia payment to the next of the kin of the deceased persons. Money is provided to people in the wake of any natural Calamity, and arrangements should be made...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : We cannot go on extending the Zero Hour up to the end of the day. This is not possible. Please cooperate with me We have received 52 notices. I cannot accommodate positively everybody. Why do you not understand my difficulty?

(Interruptions)

SHRI S. BANGARAPPA (Shimoga) : Sir, I have given notice. You will find that the matter is very very important and of an urgent nature pertaining to the interest of Karnataka. You please go through that and then say something. I do not mind if you say that that is not to be again taken up, certainly I will agree to that and resume my seat. You please go through that.

MR. SPEAKER : I have gone through that.

SHRI S. BANGARAPPA : What is your decision? If you say, this is not very important, I will just abide by your decision.

* Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER : This is very important. It is a matter between two States. Recently there has been a ruling of the Supreme Court on that issue and accoring to the judgment of the Court, action has been taken. That is what I understand. I do not think it is that urgent to be raised today. I will give you chance tomorrow morning. You please cooperate with me.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD (Fatehpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the people of the country want to know about 400 Skulls that have been recovered in Bodhgaya. Whose skulls are these? The Bihar Government as well as Central Government is keeping silent over it. Dalits are being killed in the strength of thousands at aferelaid place in Bihar. Poor people and Dalit farmers are fleeing to other states.

I demand that immediate action be taken in this matter after having a discussion during zero hour

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14.47 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(i) Need for Construction of a Pedestrian Sub-way at Railway gate on Ramghat Road in Aligarh, U.P.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM (Aligarh) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Ramghat Road of Aligarh Parliamentary Constituency is a national highway and there is no Pedestrian overbridge near Railway crossing on this road, following which hundreds of accidents keep taking place. This overbridge is called killer bridge due to occurrance of accidents of that place. About 200 trains pass through it in 24 hours. It is a main line between Delhi and Calcutta.

Therefore, the Central Government is urged upon that order be given for immediate construction of overbridge along Ramghat road.

14.49 hrs.

(Shri P.M. Sayeed *in the Chair)*

(ii) Need for Early Conversion of Bhavnagar-Tarapur Railway line into Broadgauge

SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA (Dhanduka) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the demand for conversion of Bhavnagar-Tarapur line under Bhavnagar Railway Division of Western Railways into a broad gauge line has been long standing.

In order to lay the Bhavnagar-Tarapur Railway line, the traffic and engineering survey was conducted few years ago on which crores of rupees were spent.

'Saurashtra Chamber of Commerce' of Bhavnagar and various social, academic, cultural, Governmental and Railway organisation have been making this demand from time to time and have launched agitations also.

The conversion of Bhavnagar-Tarapur Rail line into a broad gauge line will help lessen the distance and Bhavnagar division will not only be connected with Saurashtra, Kutch and Gujarat but would also be directly linked with Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta, Madras and various other routes of the country

At present, the conversion of meter gauge lines into broad gauge lines is already being done in the country. Bhavnagar-Tarapur rail line should also be converted into broad gauge line now

Earlier Bhavnagar was state Railways. Later on it become Saurashtra Railways and then came under Western Railways The Raja of Bhavnagar state had also kept few crore rupees in reserve for Bhavnagar-Tarapur broad gauge railway line. In spite of this, till date, this line has not been converted into broad gauge line. Although the Government had made a provision in the Rail budget during 1977-79 for this project, even then the work was never undertaken.

The Central Government is, therefore, requested to lay this line without further delay.

(iii) Need to Provide Adequate Financial Assistance to Government of Andhra Pradesh for providing Relief to the people affected by Recent Cyclones

[English]

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY (Visakhapatnam) Sir, the cyclonic storm and accompanying rains in Andhra Pradesh recently have caused a great damage to the State. The total number of deaths were 87. The worst hit was Chittoor District which accounted for 37. In Madanapalle town 26 persons were washed away in the floods following breaches East Godavari was the most affected district in the coastal region with 13 deaths. Eleven people were killed in Kurnool, 8 in Mehbubnagar, 5 in Nellore, 4 each in Krishna and Cuddapah, 3 in Guntur and two in Anantapur. The total damage caused to the State